Buyer inspection checklist

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Vehicle / VIN _____ Mileage _____ Date _____
Inspector _____ Location _____ Agreed scope / quote _____
Record C checked, F concern found, NC not checked or NA not applicable. Checked means no concern observed within the stated method and access. It is not a guarantee. Add measurements, photos and restrictions in the notes.

Documents and history

Item	Check	Result / notes
1	Chassis number matches the registration card and the car	
2	Service records and stamps compared with the mileage	
3	Mileage plausibility against wear and records	
4	Previous repairs and invoices the seller can show	
5	Outstanding recall or campaign questions to raise with a dealer	
6	Number of keys and their function	
7	Owner manual, spare wheel or repair kit, tools	

Body and paint

Item	Check	Result / notes
8	Paint readings on accessible compatible panels, with substrate and limitations recorded	
9	Panel gaps and alignment	
10	Signs of respray, overspray and masking lines	
11	Stone chips, scratches and lacquer condition	
12	Glass, seals and windscreen condition	
13	Lights, lenses and moisture inside units	
14	Wheel arches, sills and door shuts	
15	Bonnet and boot structure and fixings	

Underbody and leaks

Item	Check	Result / notes
16	Oil, coolant and gearbox fluid leaks	
17	Underbody damage, scrapes and repairs	
18	Chassis rails and mounting points	
19	Exhaust system and heat shields	
20	Coolant pipes and radiators where visible	
21	Undertrays and fixings	
22	Corrosion on fixings and lines	

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Engine

Item	Check	Result / notes
23	Cold start behaviour and idle	
24	Oil level by the prescribed method and accessible signs of contamination	
25	Coolant level and condition	
26	Belts, hoses and visible ancillaries	
27	Unusual noises at idle and under load	
28	Smoke at start and on acceleration	
29	Engine mounts	
30	Model specific engine checks agreed in the quote	

Gearbox and drivetrain

Item	Check	Result / notes
31	Gear selection at rest and on the move	
32	Shift quality, hot and cold where possible	
33	Clutch engagement on manual cars	
34	Driveshafts, joints and boots	
35	All wheel drive behaviour where fitted	
36	Gearbox fault memory review	

Suspension, brakes and tyres

Item	Check	Result / notes
37	Shock absorbers, mounts and leaks	
38	Bushes, arms and ball joints	
39	Steering play and noises	
40	Air or active suspension function where fitted	
41	Accessible brake pad and disc assessment, with measurements where the agreed access permits	
42	Brake fluid service history and agreed condition test	
43	Tyre tread, age codes and uneven wear	
44	Visible wheel damage, with measured runout only if separately agreed	

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Electrics and scan

Item	Check	Result / notes
45	Fault memory read across all reachable control units	
46	12 volt battery assessment using the applicable vehicle procedure	
47	Warning lights at start and while driving	
48	Lights, wipers and horn	
49	Windows, mirrors and central locking	
50	Parking sensors and cameras	
51	Engine speed history where it can be read on the model	

Interior and equipment

Item	Check	Result / notes
52	Seats, adjustment and wear	
53	Air conditioning cooling performance	
54	Infotainment, navigation and audio	
55	Roof, convertible top or sunroof operation	
56	Water marks, damp carpets and smells	
57	Fitted options against the specification	
58	Visible belt condition and airbag warning status, not certification of hidden restraints	

Road test

Item	Check	Result / notes
59	Pulling away and low speed manoeuvres	
60	Acceleration and power delivery	
61	Braking straight and smoothly	
62	Steering feel and straight line stability	
63	Noises over bumps	
64	Gearbox behaviour under load	
65	Temperatures and warnings during the drive	
66	Recheck for leaks and codes after the drive	

Illustrative completed checklist

Fictional example, not a customer inspection | Part 1 of 3

Example combustion-engine Porsche | 80,000 km | No real VIN, date, inspector or customer. All findings below are teaching examples. They do not certify any vehicle.
Example conditions | Workshop lift available. Warm engine on arrival. Short permitted road test. Wheels and undertrays retained. Supported scan saved. Extra internal engine tests not authorized. C checked, F finding, NC not checked, NA not applicable.

Documents and history

No.	Check	Example result
1	Chassis number matches the registration card and the car	NC | Records or data unavailable
2	Service records and stamps compared with the mileage	NC | Records or data unavailable
3	Mileage plausibility against wear and records	NC | Records or data unavailable
4	Previous repairs and invoices the seller can show	NC | Records or data unavailable
5	Outstanding recall or campaign questions to raise with a dealer	NC | Records or data unavailable
6	Number of keys and their function	C | Accessible check only
7	Owner manual, spare wheel or repair kit, tools	C | Accessible check only

Body and paint

No.	Check	Example result
8	Paint readings on accessible compatible panels, with substrate and limitations recorded	F | Paint readings, see F1
9	Panel gaps and alignment	C | Accessible check only
10	Signs of respray, overspray and masking lines	C | Accessible check only
11	Stone chips, scratches and lacquer condition	C | Accessible check only
12	Glass, seals and windscreen condition	C | Accessible check only
13	Lights, lenses and moisture inside units	C | Accessible check only
14	Wheel arches, sills and door shuts	C | Accessible check only
15	Bonnet and boot structure and fixings	C | Accessible check only

Underbody and leaks

No.	Check	Example result
16	Oil, coolant and gearbox fluid leaks	F | Oil residue, see F2
17	Underbody damage, scrapes and repairs	C | Accessible check only
18	Chassis rails and mounting points	C | Accessible check only
19	Exhaust system and heat shields	C | Accessible check only
20	Coolant pipes and radiators where visible	C | Accessible check only
21	Undertrays and fixings	C | Accessible check only
22	Corrosion on fixings and lines	C | Accessible check only

Illustrative completed checklist

Fictional example, not a customer inspection | Part 2 of 3

Example combustion-engine Porsche | 80,000 km | No real VIN, date, inspector or customer. All findings below are teaching examples. They do not certify any vehicle.
Example conditions | Workshop lift available. Warm engine on arrival. Short permitted road test. Wheels and undertrays retained. Supported scan saved. Extra internal engine tests not authorized. C checked, F finding, NC not checked, NA not applicable.

Engine

No.	Check	Example result
23	Cold start behaviour and idle	NC | Engine warm on arrival
24	Oil level by the prescribed method and accessible signs of contamination	C | Accessible check only
25	Coolant level and condition	C | Accessible check only
26	Belts, hoses and visible ancillaries	C | Accessible check only
27	Unusual noises at idle and under load	C | Accessible check only
28	Smoke at start and on acceleration	C | Accessible check only
29	Engine mounts	C | Accessible check only
30	Model specific engine checks agreed in the quote	NC | Extra tests not agreed

Gearbox and drivetrain

No.	Check	Example result
31	Gear selection at rest and on the move	C | Accessible check only
32	Shift quality, hot and cold where possible	C | Accessible check only
33	Clutch engagement on manual cars	NA | Not fitted in this example
34	Driveshafts, joints and boots	C | Accessible check only
35	All wheel drive behaviour where fitted	NA | Not fitted in this example
36	Gearbox fault memory review	C | Accessible check only

Suspension, brakes and tyres

No.	Check	Example result
37	Shock absorbers, mounts and leaks	C | Accessible check only
38	Bushes, arms and ball joints	F | Split bush, see F3
39	Steering play and noises	C | Accessible check only
40	Air or active suspension function where fitted	NA | Not fitted in this example
41	Accessible brake pad and disc assessment, with measurements where the agreed access permits	NC | Full thickness access limited
42	Brake fluid service history and agreed condition test	NC | Records or data unavailable
43	Tyre tread, age codes and uneven wear	F | Tread reading, see F4
44	Visible wheel damage, with measured runout only if separately agreed	C | Accessible check only

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Electrics and scan

No.	Check	Example result
45	Fault memory read across all reachable control units	F | Stored code, see F5
46	12 volt battery assessment using the applicable vehicle procedure	C | Accessible check only
47	Warning lights at start and while driving	C | Accessible check only
48	Lights, wipers and horn	C | Accessible check only
49	Windows, mirrors and central locking	C | Accessible check only
50	Parking sensors and cameras	C | Accessible check only
51	Engine speed history where it can be read on the model	NC | Records or data unavailable

Interior and equipment

No.	Check	Example result
52	Seats, adjustment and wear	C | Accessible check only
53	Air conditioning cooling performance	C | Accessible check only
54	Infotainment, navigation and audio	C | Accessible check only
55	Roof, convertible top or sunroof operation	NA | Not fitted in this example
56	Water marks, damp carpets and smells	C | Accessible check only
57	Fitted options against the specification	C | Accessible check only
58	Visible belt condition and airbag warning status, not certification of hidden restraints	C | Accessible check only

Road test

No.	Check	Example result
59	Pulling away and low speed manoeuvres	C | Accessible check only
60	Acceleration and power delivery	C | Accessible check only
61	Braking straight and smoothly	C | Accessible check only
62	Steering feel and straight line stability	C | Accessible check only
63	Noises over bumps	C | Accessible check only
64	Gearbox behaviour under load	C | Accessible check only
65	Temperatures and warnings during the drive	C | Accessible check only
66	Recheck for leaks and codes after the drive	C | Accessible check only

Illustrative findings and decision

Fictional sample only | Companion to the completed checklist

Decision | Test more

Do not interpret this example as a recommendation to purchase. Cold-start behavior, some records and internal engine condition remain unverified. Confirm the suspension concern and agree any necessary engine tests before deciding. A negotiation allowance is meaningful only after the work and likely cost are established.

Ref	Observation and method	Meaning and next step
F1	Example accessible metal panels measured at 130 and 280 microns using a suitable calibrated gauge. Plastic panels not measured.	Difference warrants investigation of refinishing and supporting visual signs. No universal factory limit used. Does not prove accident damage.
F2	Example oil residue at the lower cam-cover area during a lifted visual check. No dismantling or clean-and-recheck.	Visible residue is confirmed. Source and active leakage are not confirmed. Agree cleaning and recheck if needed.
F3	Example visible split in a front suspension bush. No numerical play measurement recorded.	Assess joint movement and applicable criteria before judging severity, roadworthiness or a repair total.
F4	Example rear tread reading 3.0 mm at one sampled main groove using a tread-depth gauge.	One reading does not establish overall tyre condition or legal compliance. Record all relevant grooves, wear, age and damage before a conclusion.
F5	Illustrative P0562 system-voltage-low entry, historic status. Full real scan is not supplied in this teaching example.	No failed battery or alternator diagnosed from the code alone. Check electrical condition and recurrence. Preserve the initial scan.

Evidence and costs

A real report should attach the original scan, identified measurement locations and relevant numbered photographs. No photographs or real scan records are represented as evidence in this sample. Repair costs remain unquoted until the fault and work are established.

Limits and authorization

Non-invasive assessment under the agreed conditions. Hidden components, unsupported control units and intermittent faults can remain unassessed. No traction-battery health certificate, ownership verification, accident-free guarantee, future-reliability warranty or Porsche Approved certification is provided. Buyer approval covers extra cost and seller permission covers access. Record report delivery and incomplete-inspection terms before booking.

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